



SENATOR U. S. CHILE, PALATKA.

## N. J. TILGHMAN &amp; SONS.

Noah J. Tilghman, the senior member of the firm, died in 1881, leaving his entire estate under the care of his son, N. J. Tilghman, who is a manufacturer of timber, lumber and also of the St. Johns river, and has been interested in that industry ever since, and during a period of a few months over 50 years. During this long time he has had interests in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia, previous to coming to Florida.

In 1884 with his two sons, W. G. and John Q., he came to Florida, and with them set up a small mill at Franklin, five miles west of Palatka, where they operated until 1889.

In this year the Tilghman's removed as a partner Mr. George Johnson of Baltimore, Md., at which time the firm built a saw and planing mill on the site now occupied by the Wilson Cypress Co.'s plant. Mr. Johnson remained in the firm about one year and then sold his interest to the

## HODGES &amp; O'HARA.

Hodges & O'Hara, of Buffalo Bluff, six miles south of Palatka on the A. C. L. R. Y. and also on the St. Johns river, are manufacturers of pine and express lumber, as well as extensive merchants and land owners.

This firm has been in existence only about three and a half years, previous to which time the business was owned by H. A. Hodges and he was the successor of Hodges & Godfrey, the original founders.

It was in the year last that Hodges & Godfrey started their first little mill on the line of the J. T. & K. Ry. at Satsuma Heights, and there they carried on the business for about one year when sold to S. A. Baker of that place. Immediately Hodges & Godfrey commenced to look up another location with the view of establishing a new and larger mill. They decided on Buffalo Bluff and the present location of the plant.

Here they erected a much larger mill and put on a band-saw—out-of-the-blue—into section—and equipped the mill for cutting of the express timbers, in which the location at that time abounded.

Having increased their capacity to a considerable extent it became ne-

cessary to form of the new and present partnership with the prevailing conditions of that time, the future seemed bright, and the firm bought extensively of both pine and express timber lands, adding rail boats for getting out the cypress from the dense swamps, and placed themselves in position for the running of their mills for many years to come.

Since that time they have purchased more timber lands from time to time, and sold some. In fact it has become a part of their business at the present time to buy and sell timber lands of all kinds, and this feature has increased also to a considerable extent.

The mills of this firm are situated on the main line of the A. C. L. R. Y. six miles south of Palatka, Fla., on a point of land called Buffalo Bluff, which is also directly on the St. Johns river. This gives to them unusual shipping facilities, inasmuch as a schooner can be brought direct to the mills and loaded from their docks by giving them an decided advantage in the matter of water rates of freight to all points. They also have two side tracks from the railroad in the yards which gives them all rail facilities for car and local shipments.

They employ on an average at their mills and yard about 60 persons, and have an output of about 35,000 feet of lumber per day. Their logging camps employ from 30 to 50 men and boys in operation three machines most of the time. The mills and camps are paid off once a month at which time a considerable quantity of money is put into circulation.

The firm is also extensively engaged in the manufacture of naval stores, they being interested in whole and in part in five different farms, all now in operation, and the business of which all comes through the head office at this place.



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Messrs. Wilson and Mrs. May, also the firm was known as Tilghman-Wilson Co. Then it was taken over by Wilson and sold to the Wilsons, and the Wilson-Cypress Company was formed.

Later in 1889 the Messrs. Tilghman removed the Wilsons setting up a mill exclusively for the manufacture of express shingles and orange box material. As Mr. N. J. Tilghman stated on one occasion, "we determined that a express shingle-mill that would run out a little better slightly than any other mill was making would be a success. We went to work with this and it has been a success."

The orange box business was on a trial basis until the spring of 1890 when that department was given up and the planing mill was used for planing lumber for local business purposes.

The shingle and planing mill business of the firm has continued until the present time for twenty years and added to the volume of business. The capital goes according to the system, Maryland, Newark, and is loaded on successive seasons of the planer. It is a common sight to see in going vessels no longer exclusively with Tilghman's express shingle.

The business of the firm has grown to such proportions that they now have contracts for shingles, shingle boxes, and lumber for the state of Florida. In 1895 they purchased a sawmill and a planing mill, which changed ownership in 1898, and the business has increased to a large extent. It is expected this movement will be in operation by January 1st.

The Tilghman's son, F. J. Tilghman, was placed in charge of the works and manager of the business, he served until admitted to the partnership, which change occurred in July 1902.

During this time the business increased rapidly, and it became necessary to enlarge the plant to some extent, also to add new machinery. Everything that had a tendency to increase the output and reduce the expense of manufacture was anticipated and carried out as far as pos-

sible.

At this time Mr. O'Hara was placed in charge of the works and manager of the business, he served until admitted to the partnership, which change occurred in July 1902.

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H. A. DAVIS, OF DAVIS CYCRESS TANK, PALATKA, FLA.

See lower and upper tank manufactures.

## THE DAVIS CYCRESS TANK.

The well-known manufacturers of express tanks, G. M. Davis & Son, are among the most prominent manufacturers of this class of goods in the country. By strict attention to business, honest work and honest methods of selling this business has grown from a small local trade in Florida to one that now reaches to all sections of the world.

The business was started in 1888 by G. M. Davis in a small building on Water street, and in 1894 the firm built a factory on the corner of Lemon and Blake streets, and here, owing to the failing health of G. M. Davis, he retired from the business in May 1897; though the business has since been continued under the same firm name of G. M. Davis & Son.

The business grew so rapidly that in 1900 it was found necessary to build their present large factory at Laurel and 9th streets. This has six times the space originally occupied.

The plant is equipped with the most modern machinery, and being located within sight of the express forces enables the firm to produce very cheaply. To this advantage they have another of equal importance—excellent shipping facilities.

G. M. Davis & Son only express in the manufacture of their tanks, this wood having become universally recognized as the very best for this class of work. Being a product of the swamp, it is known to resist water better than any wood of equal quality, as well as in its natural state.

Messrs. G. M. Davis & Son are also the general sales agent for the celebrated Simpson Wind Mills and Ibad Towers, which like their tanks are the best made.

The catalogue that they issue is one of the most complete works of its character ever put out being full of valuable information. It is furnished for the asking.

Mr. Howell A. Davis is one of Palatka's prominent and progressive men. He is a member of the Board of Aldermen and treasurer of the Palatka Board of Trade.

He is a reliable and substantial business man and citizen, and his business which he has made known to all parts of the world is an industrial feature of our city in which all citizens have a pride.

## VERTREES &amp; COMPANY.

The Hodges, O'Hara & Russell Co., a corporation of whose capital stock is \$50,000, and of which Mr. H. A. Hodges is president and Mr. F. J. O'Hara, secretary, treasurer and general manager, is closely allied with this firm, Hodges & Russell being both members of the company. This latter company owns and operates three turpentine farms and owns large quantities of timber lands, both pine and express.

From the present outlook and considering the great demand that there is for timber lands, it is fair to presume that lumber will not be any cheaper than it is today; in fact, considering that prices have steadily advanced for the last two or three years, and the great quantities which have been manufactured each successive year, and the increasing demand, prices are bound to advance; therefore, those firms who are the sole possessors of their own timber lands, who are in the milling business, are the ones bound to reap the rewards.

Taking this view of the case it is probable that the present firm is here to stay for some time to come, and as they have been here for a long time, working up their present business from a small beginning, and by fair dealing with their neighbors and with the general public, estab-

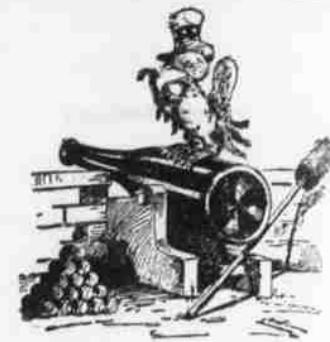
lished a reputation and credit second to none in the state, it is not unreasonable to expect that their future successes will more than equal the achievements of the past.

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Under new management.

Ladies play free Wednesday afternoons 2 to 6. Ice water. F. G. Ruffly, M.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter  
4888, Laws of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that W. C. Townsend, purchaser of tax certificate No. 829, dated the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1895, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law.

Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam county, Florida, to wit:

Lot 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 60